

PRICE, \$2.50 PER MONTH.

## Intimations.

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**ZETLAND LODGE.**

No. 65, F.O. 7163

**A** Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 27th Instant, at 8 for 9-40 p.m., to receive Visiting Masters, and to receive invitations to visit.

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Hongkong, December 27, 1885.

**PUNJOM MINING COMPANY,  
LIMITED.**

**N**OTICE is hereby given that the Fourth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Connaught House, TO-MORROW, the 28th December, 1885, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the Shareholders, and for the Election of Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**JAMES B. DUNGAN,**  
*Secretary.*

Hongkong, December 27, 1895. 2376

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that an **EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING** of the Company will be held, in the **BOARD ROOM** of The Hongkong Dispensary, **TOMORROW**, the 28th day of December, 1895, at Noon, to Consider the Special Resolution passed at the Extra-

Ordinary General Meeting held on the 11th  
Instant.

**JOHN D. HUMPHREYS,**  
*General Manager.*

Hongkong, December 27, 1895. 2873

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**THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

**THE First Yearly MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS** called for Noon on  
SATURDAY, the 18th, is **POSTPONED** to

Noon, TO-MORROW, the 28th, Instant.  
**W. HUTTON POTTS,**  
*Secretary.*  
 Hongkong, December 27, 1895. 2334

**HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.**  
**NOTICE.**  
**NOMINATIONS for the 1896 DERBY**  
 will CLOSE to the Undersigned on  
**SATURDAY MORN. 28th Instant,**  
 By Order, **T. P. HOUGH,**  
*Clark of the Course.*  
 Hongkong, December 27, 1895. 242

**CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE**  
**LIMITED.**  
**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**  
 IN accordance with Section 140 of the

Agents, with Approval of the Consular  
Commission, will open on the 2nd JANUARY  
1896, ISSUE INTEREST WARRANTS at  
60 per SHARE, PAYABLE at the Hong  
Kong & Shanghai Bank Corporation, at  
the rate of 10 per cent. and 10 per  
CENT. per Annum on the Paid-up Capital  
of the Office for the year 1895.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 31st  
Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
CLYDESON INSURANCE CO., Limited,  
Hongkong, December 17, 1895. 237

**CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION**

No. 87.

NOTICE is hereby given, that WHEN  
HOLIDAY is observed, that the  
will be observed as HOLIDAY, at all  
Kowloon Customs Offices.

Work at the Opium Examination Office  
and Customs Stations will proceed as usual.  
H. M. FILLIER,  
Acting Commissioner of Customs  
for Kowloon and District.

CUSTOMS HOUSE,  
Kowloon, 26th December, 1895. 240

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**CHRISTMAS**

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Do. 'J' or Gent's do. @ \$4.50 do

Apply to  
**THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA**  
B, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, December 20, 1925.

**NOW ON VIEW.**  
FINE DISPLAY OF JEWELLERY  
SUITABLE FOR  
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S  
PRESENTS.  
Comprising RINGS, EAR-RING

BRACELETS, BROOCHES, SCARF  
PINS, NECKTIES, LOCKETS, &  
all every Description, with or without  
Precious Stones.  
**WATER-CHAINS** of the Latest &  
most Fashionable Designs.  
**WATCHES** in Great Variety.  
**LADIES' GOLD WATCHES** from \$30.  
Gentlemen's **GOLD WATCHES** from \$  
50. 50. 40.  
Also always on hand a **Swiss** Assort-  
ment of **Unworn** and **Repaired**.  
**PRICES MODERATE.**  
**DEY'S BARRINGTON**  
Hongkong December 10, 1857.

**CHAN A-TONG,**  
**COAL MERCHANT,**  
No. 5, Angel Street, East.  
Business Office No. 21, Colman Street.



## Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL  
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THE HONGKONG AMATEUR  
DRAMATIC CLUB  
WILL GIVE  
ONE PERFORMANCE

ARTHUR W. PINCH'S Popular Farce  
'DANDY DICK'  
TO-MORROW,  
(SATURDAY), 28th Dec.

Commencing at 9 p.m. precisely.  
Messrs. C. H. GRACE, V. A. CESAR-HAW-  
KINS, R. BURNETT, F. CLARK, S. L.  
DARBY, A. S. C. MANNERS  
and W. S. FROWD.

TICKETS can be obtained at the Thea-  
tre Royal, City Hall.  
Booking Office open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Prices \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00.  
Late Tickets 15 Minutes after Perform-  
ance.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1895. 2339

## Notices to Consignees.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Catharine* having arrived from the above Ports, Con-  
signees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from along-  
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-  
ing on board after the 27th instant, will be  
landed at Consignees' risk and expense into  
the Godowns of the Western Wharves and  
Stores Co., Ltd., Wharves.  
Consignees of Cargo from Singapore and  
Penang are requested to send their Goods  
ready for delivery to their Godowns along-  
side; such Cargo impeding the discharge of  
the Vessel will be landed and stored at  
Consignees' risk and expense.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, December 26, 1895. 2442

## STEAMSHIP NATAL

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex  
S.S. *Guadalupe*, from Bordeaux  
ex S.S. *Frederic Moret* and *Verdun*, in  
connection with the above Steamers,  
are hereby informed that their Goods—with  
the exception of Opium, Treasure and  
Valuables—are being landed and stored at  
their risks into the Godowns of the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves & Godowns  
Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery  
may be obtained immediately after landing.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on notice  
informed is received from the Consignees  
before Noon TO-DAY (Thursday), the 26th  
inst., requesting it to be landed here.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.  
Goods remaining undischarged after THUR-  
SDAY, the 26th January, 1896, at Noon, will  
be subject to rent, and landing charges.  
All Claims must be sent in to me on or  
before THURSDAY, the 26th January, 1896, or  
they will not be recognized.  
All Damaged Packages will be examined  
on THURSDAY, the 26th January, at 9 a.m.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

C. TOURNARE,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, December 26, 1895. 2439

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP HANKOW  
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-  
HAMA AND KOBE.

THE above Steamship having arrived, Con-  
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to  
send in their Bills of Lading for counter-  
signatures, and their Goods immediately  
after delivery of their Goods from the  
Godowns from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-  
signees' risk and expense.  
DODWELL, CARROLL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, December 21, 1895. 2418

## To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.  
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates  
for CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports  
on the YANGTZE).

The Co.'s Steamship  
*Tatung*,  
Capt. B. W. Hogg, will  
be despatched as above  
TO-MORROW, the 28th inst., at 4 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1895. 2444

FOR SHANGHAI  
The Steamship  
*Lyemoo*,  
Capt. J. H. HENDERSON, will  
be despatched for the  
above Port TO-MORROW, the 28th inst.,  
at 4 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1895. 2449

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, SHANGHAI AND  
CHEFOO.  
The Steamship  
*Yankee*,  
Capt. J. H. HENDERSON, will  
be despatched TO-MOR-  
ROW, the 28th inst.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1895. 2427

## To-day's Advertisements.

## POLICE NOTICE.

TO ENABLE PASSENGERS to be Issued  
gradually, the Police will accept and  
QUARTER PASSENGERS all the 26th Proximo.  
Old Passes should be Returned when  
applying for RENEWAL.

W. O. H. HASTINGS,  
Acting Captain Superintendent of Police.  
Police Department,  
Hongkong, 27th December, 1895. 2446

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.  
In accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of  
1876, the Undermentioned BANKS  
will be CLOSED for the Transaction of  
Public Business, on WEDNESDAY, the  
1st January, 1896.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Aus-  
tralia and China,'  
T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-  
ing Corporation,'  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,  
Chief Manager.

For the 'Mercantile Bank of India,  
Limited,'  
J. W. R. TAYLOR,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Bank of China and Japan, Ltd.,'  
Hongkong,  
L. SIMON,  
Manager.

CHANTREY INGHAM,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1895. 2443

INSURANCE HOLIDAY.  
THE Undermentioned INSURANCE  
OFFICES will be CLOSED for the  
Transaction of Public Business, on  
WEDNESDAY, the 1st January, 1896.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents,  
Canton Insurance Co., Ltd.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,  
N. J. EDE,  
Secretary,  
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.,  
B. C. T. GRAY,  
Acting Agent,  
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.,  
W. H. RAY,  
Secretary,  
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.,  
SHEWAN & Co.,  
Agents,  
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.,  
GEORGE L. TOMLIN,  
Acting Secretary,  
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,  
Wm. MACBEAN,  
Manager,  
The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.,  
Hongkong, December 27, 1895. 2447

SHELL LINE OF STEAMERS.  
FOR HAVRE, LONDON AND  
HAMBURG.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
*Pectan*,  
Capt. N. HOGGER, will  
be despatched as above  
on the 2nd January, 1896.

For Freight, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
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Hongkong, December 27, 1895. 2321

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED  
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VIA  
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## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessel	Agents	Date of Leaving
Baltimore	Any Turner	Riesman & Co.	Quick despatch.
Breanna & Port of Call	Sachsen (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Jan. 2, at 3 p.m.
Chefoo via Shanghai	Rapier (s)	Carlson & Co.	Jan. 2, daylight.
Gonos and Marseilles	Osam (s)	Arnhold, KARBURG & Co.	Jan. 2, daylight.
Havre, London & H'g	Pectan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 3, at noon.
Japan	Verona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 3, at noon.
London & Suez Canal	Glenfarg (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Jan. 17, at noon.
London & Port of Call	Kovetta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 2, at noon.
London & Port of Call	Dayton (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 2, at noon.
London & Port of Call	Maragon (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 15, at noon.
London & Port of Call	Japan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 14, at noon.
Marseilles & Saigon	Oxus (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Jan. 8, at noon.
New York & Suez Canal	Polypheus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 12, at noon.
New York & Suez Canal	John R. Kelly	Arnhold, KARBURG & Co.	Quick despatch.
San Francisco & Japan	City of Rio de Janeiro (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 4, at noon.
San Francisco & Japan	Palawan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 14, at noon.
Shanghai	Brodick (s)	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Lyemoo (s)	Siemens & Co.	Dec. 28, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Kaitong (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 28.
Shanghai	Pectan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	December 30.
Shanghai, via Swatow	Taiyang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 28, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, Kobe & Ym	Marionethshire (s)	Dodwell, Carill & Co.	About Dec. 28.
Shanghai, Kobe & Ym	Palawan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 29, daylight.
Singapore, Penang & C'ta	Catherine Appear (s)	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Dec. 31, at 3 p.m.
Spain and Bombay	Brindisi (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 18.
Swatow, Amoy & T'foo	Thales (s)	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	Dec. 29, daylight.
Swatow, S'hai & Chefoo	Tamsui (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 23.
Vancouver (B.C.)	Empress of China (s)	(Canadian) P. & O. Co.	Jan. 22, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.)	Hankow (s)	Nor. P. & S. & R. Co.	Dec. 23, daylight.

## To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.  
THE Undersigned has received instructions  
to sell by Public Auction, on  
MONDAY,  
the 30th December, 1895, at 2.30 p.m., at  
Messrs. VILLA, LOPEZ & Co.'s, No. 22,  
Stanley Street.

THE HOUSEHOLD AND OFFICE  
FURNITURE, &c.,  
comprising—  
PUSH-OVER BED DRAWING-ROOM SETTE.  
CLINTON BLACKWOOD WRITING TABLE,  
CURIO STAND AND TABLE, ORNAMENTS,  
CLOCK AND ROSS.  
DINING TABLE, DINETTE WAGON, GLASS  
NEED, DRESSER AND BREAKFAST SETS, GLASS  
AND PLATED WARE.  
DOUBLE AND SINGLE BEDSTEPS, IRON  
COT, WARDROBE WITH GLASS DOOR,  
CHIEF OF DRAWERS, BUREAU WITH GLASS,  
VICTORIA ROCKING CHAIR, DRESSING TABLE  
AND MARBLE-TOP WARDROBE.  
OFFICE DESK, WRITING TABLE, BOOK  
CASE, COFFEE PRESS, COUNTER and  
SINK.

ONE TON CREST.  
PLATE.  
&c., &c., &c.  
TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1895. 2450

FOR  
NEW YEAR.

BRILLIANT COLOURED ELECTRIC  
LIGHTS, RED, GREEN, &c.,  
Considerably Superior to the Blue Lights,  
for ILLUMINATION and STREET LIGHTING.  
At 75 CENTS EACH.  
Also,  
PLATED WARE, FANCY GOODS, &c.,  
At Competing Prices.  
NOVELTY EMPORIUM,  
9, D'Aguilar Street.

SHIPPING.  
ARRIVALS.  
December 26:—  
Fu-ping, Chinese steamer, from Canton.  
Adk, Danish steamer, 654, H. Hygom,  
Hobow Dec. 26, General.—A. R. MARY.  
Hanoi, French steamer, 732, J. V. Chodol,  
Haiphong Dec. 24, General.—A. R. MARY.  
Mennuir, British steamer, 1,980, Hugh  
Craig, Sydney November 30, and Port Dar-  
win December 15, General.—GIBBS, LIVING-  
STON & Co.

December 27:—  
Taisang, British steamer, from Canton.  
Lyemoo, German steamer, from Canton.  
Pictoria, German steamer, 997, E. Hase,  
Saigon Dec. 19, Rice.—STERNES & Co.  
Thales, British steamer, 820, H. Balthart,  
Swatow December 26, General.—DORRIS  
STRAITSSTE Co.

Palawan, British steamer, 2,995, Charles  
Gadd, London November 16 and Singapore  
December 21, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
Brindisi, British steamer, 2,965, E. A.  
Peters, Bombay December 6, and Singapore  
19, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
Sachsen, British steamer, 1,158, C. J.  
Darby, Java December 17, Sugar.—BUTTER-  
FIELD & SWIRE.

Feiching, British steamer, 979, J. War-  
ren, Obiuking December 23, Rice and  
Ground Nut.—G. M. S. N. Co.  
Romulus, German steamer, 1,707, H.  
Schluck, Bangkok December 7, Sugar.  
—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Keang-wei, British steamer, 1,116, R.  
Unworth, Bangkok Dec. 18, and Anglin  
19, Rice and General.—YUN FAR HONG.

DEPARTURES.  
December 26:—  
Natal, for Shanghai.  
Mennuir, for Sandakan.  
Hankow, for Swatow.  
John Bailey, for Whampoa.

December 27:—  
Frederic, for Hoihow.  
Tat Lee, for Swatow.  
Sungking, for Amoy.  
Coptic, for Nagasaki and San Francisco.  
Mellan, for Swatow.

OLEAINED.  
Mennuir, for Shanghai.  
Wing Hong, for Swatow.  
Hankow, for Shanghai and Tacoma.  
Amoy, for Amoy.  
Amoy, for Kobe and Victoria, B.C.  
Feys, for Kaitong.

PASSENGERS.  
ARRIVED.  
Per 24, from Hoihow, 28 Chinese.  
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## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.  
Daylight.—Hankow leaves for Victoria  
(B.O.), via Japan, &c.  
4 p.m.—Lyemoo leaves for Shanghai, &c.  
Tamsui leaves for Swatow, &c.  
Keifong leaves for Shanghai.

Meetings.  
11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The  
Panjoni Mining Co., Ltd., at the Com-  
pany's Office.  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The  
New Belmont Gold Mining Co., Ltd.,  
at the Company's Office.  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of A.  
S. Watson Co., Ltd., at the Company's  
Board Room.

Amusements.  
9 p.m.—A. D. C. Performance at City  
Hall.  
Nominations for the 1896 Derby close.

General Memoranda.  
Monday, December 30:—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household and  
Office Furniture, &c., at Messrs. Villa,  
Lopez & Co.'s, No. 22, Stanley Street.  
4 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at North  
of Ewo Street.

Exchange.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1895.  
On London ... 2/11  
Bank, Wire ... 2/11  
On demand ... 2/11  
30 days' sight ... 2/11  
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On Paris ... 2/2  
On Bombay ... 2/2  
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## DANDY DIK.

'Dandy Dick' is one of the best specimens of the modern farce dealing with sporting life. It is a story throughout, and with perfect naturalness, except that sometimes the slang is piled on too heavily in the conversation. For the benefit of those who have not yet seen it, we may without doing any harm to the A. D. C. briefly recapitulate the points of the plot. The Dean of St. Marvells has a sister who married a racing man, and was devoted to racing. The time came when her husband died, and she retired from the turf to live at the Deanery. The St. Marvells race meeting was to be held about this time, and her favourite horse Dandy Dick was brought to the village to run in the principal event. The Dean's two daughters were hard pressed for money to pay milliner's bills which they had contracted without his knowledge, on account of a fancy dress ball of which he disapproved; and at their aunt's advice they 'plunged' on Dandy Dick at the market price of 10 to 1 against, hoping thereby to raise the wind. The Dean himself was in an awful state of impotency, having pledged himself to give £1000 for the restoration of the cathedral spire, on conditions which he had hoped would let him out. So he was tempted by his sister to commit the deadly sin of betting on the race, instead of converting his sister from her wicked ways as he had intended. The stakes were burnt out during the night, and the race-horse had to be put up in the Deanery stable, to the horror of the Very Rev. However, humanity moved him to compound a bet for the poor animal, which was suffering from a chill; and the pious butler of the Deanery, who had backed another horse, contrived to get strophylitis into the bonus unobserved. Thus the Dean came to be caught in the act of trying to poison the horse, and found his way to the police lock-up. Attempts to save his name from disgrace led to a series of ludicrous adventures, which all end happily; Dandy Dick wins the race, and his backers agree to pay of money, and the cathedral spire goes up in fine style, and the Dean's daughters are made happy by marrying a couple of the most miserable imbecile puppies ever seen on the stage. That is a strange freak of British drama—the more despicable and petty a character is, the more is made of him by the stage heroines.

Of the acting as a whole, we can honestly say that it was quite good enough to remove from the word 'amateur' all the stigma which usually attaches to it—often quite without foundation. It is the fashion, because it looks 'knowing,' to cry down amateurs, and to associate with the term all that is crude and unrefined by any excellence. On the contrary, there are many points in which an amateur performance is better than a professional, especially in a small, out-of-the-way place like Hongkong. Here the amateur has more time to prepare and perfect themselves than a travelling company can possibly have; and the element of time is also largely in their favour in the matter of stage management, while scenery and dressing of the piece should be of course always for better. Thus it is that, on its merits, an amateur performance must be in some respects the more worthy of praise and the more worth going to see; and it is well that we have them, for otherwise Hongkong's position would reduce us to a very low ebb in the matter of entertainment.

The interest in 'Dandy Dick' is concentrated in the characters of the Dean and his sister. Mrs. Writtleby as Georgiana Tidman was magnificent from first to last. Her acting is easy, vivacious, and wonderfully true to life, and she has that mysterious and important faculty known as 'stage presence,' the art of standing and moving and 'living' before an audience. This it is which first of all marks the experienced actress. Mr. Grace as Dean Jedd was not in his most vigorous form, but none can help admiring his acting, the fruits of years of experience and careful training applied to natural talent. The same may be said of Mr. Hawkins in the much less prominent part of Sir Tristram Marston, which he presented faultlessly. Here, the antagonistic butler, who was portrayed by Capt. Barney in admirable style, which indicated the capable and indeed clever actor. It is difficult to be quite as much of the others, who were to some extent handicapped by the nature of their roles; for when the role is designed by the author on lines absolutely impossible in real life, as for instance the two officers of Hussars, the impersonation is bound to be untrue to nature. However, Mr. Clarke was exceedingly funny, and Mr. Manser was just as weak and ridiculous as Mr. Piers was to be intended. The parts assigned to Mrs. Andrew and Miss Melbourne, the Dean's daughters, are exceedingly difficult to rescue from silliness, and the effort was not always successful, especially in the case of Miss, who did not know her lines, and troubled the poor hard-worked prompter more than anybody else. Mrs. Hawkins as the policeman's wife was excellent, and might with advantage have been made more to do. The policeman himself (Mr. S. L. Darby) was conventional, somewhat protean, and was repeatedly applauded; very few actors ever succeed in looking as doing as if like genuine policemen, particularly in the walk, which has to be carefully cultivated. Rathbone, the groom (Mr. Frowd) was faultless in his limited sphere and deserves high praise on every point.

A second performance is to be given to-morrow night, when there is sure to be a crowded house, as there was last night. There has been some word of a third performance, which it is to be hoped will be given.

W. Robinson and Co. make a special feature of selling Flares and Organs on the West-End street.

## ORIOCK.

HONGKONG C.C. v. THE UNITED SERVICES. This match was concluded yesterday afternoon, and resulted in a win, by ten wickets for the Club. Playing out time, however, the Club (minus three of their best men) made a bad collapse. The following were the full scores:—

HONGKONG C.C.—FIRST INNINGS.	
E. H. Ellis, b Green	45
B. H. Haddock, b Pacey, b Vallance	40
O. M. Firth, c Alexander, b Vallance	40
F. Maitland, c Kooles, b Green	33
E. W. Maitland, c Dyson, b Vallance	12
A. S. Anon, c Holland, b Green	6
A. R. Lam, b Green	5
J. R. Gillingham, c O'Halloran, b Vallance	3
Extras	18
Total	234

HONGKONG C.C.—SECOND INNINGS.	
F. Maitland, c Pacey, b Vallance	2
E. W. Maitland, c Holland, b Vallance	23
Antor, c Dyson, b Vallance	36
Rain, b Green	3
Gillingham, c O'Halloran, b Green	0
Arthur, b Green	0
Sheldon, c Dyson, b Green	6
Extras	2
Total	77

UNITED SERVICES.—FIRST INNINGS.	
G. D. Campbell, b H.K.R., c F. Maitland	12
S. E. Holland, b R.B., b Smith	28
Rev. G. Vallance, c Ellis, b Smith	28
Capt. Dyson, A.P.D., b Smith	3
Capt. Gratton, R.N., b Smith	3
Lieut. A. H. O'Halloran, R.N., b Smith	3
Capt. Kooles, R.B., c F. Maitland, b Hancock	39
Lieut. F. A. Powlett, R.N., c and b Smith	7
R. Alexander, R.B., not out	0
G. Pacey, R.B., b Smith	0
Private Green, R.B., absent	0
Extras	3
Total	111

UNITED SERVICES.—SECOND INNINGS.	
G. D. Campbell, c F. Maitland, b E. W. Maitland	48
Capt. Kooles, c Gillingham, b Hancock	7
Rev. G. Vallance, b Hancock	11
S. E. Holland, b Hancock	5
Capt. Dyson, c Smith, b Hancock	2
Capt. Gratton, c E. W. Maitland, b Hancock	10
R. Alexander, not out	31
Lieut. O'Halloran, b Hancock	2
Powlett, c and b E. W. Maitland	6
Pacey, b Smith	6
Green, b Smith	6
Extras	22
Total	150

**DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
The annual general meeting of shareholders in this Company was held to-day in Telegraph House. Mr. G. Sharp presided, and there were also present Messrs S. G. Bird, E. Burnie (Directors), W. H. Potts (Secretary), G. C. Cox, W. H. Ray, A. Tiltott, C. M. Adamson, S. L. Darby, G. L. Potts.

The Secretary read the notice of meeting. The Chairman said—Gentlemen, we have called you together this time rather earlier than usual; I thought there was a certain appropriateness (as we had a good report to lay before you) in inviting you at about the time of the time of general festivities. We have had a good year; we have proved the truth of the adage that all things are possible to wisely-directed diligence, and I hope you will be satisfied with what we have done. We have much to be thankful to God's good providence in preserving the health and lives of our cattle, so that we have not suffered as some dairies in the North have done during the past year. All the employees of the Company have done their best; I think there has been a singularly happy and devoted spirit throughout, and as the beginning of the year, and therefore I state that a small portion of our success under God's good providence to the fidelity with which we have been served. (Applause.) Your directors have also laboured well. We are all sorry that Mr. Macbado should have resigned; he has done good work for the Company in the last three years, and his business in some degree divided on account of the distance which intervened between the Farm and the Town Office, and Mr. Macbado has taken especial care of the Town Office. He and Mr. Noble have devoted themselves very diligently to the perfecting of the arrangements there, while Capt. Burnie has been devoted to the health of the cattle, and we have taken the opportunity this year to write down our property. Several persons have remarked that we had too much property and too few cows. This year we have more cows than we ever had before, and our property is put down at a lower figure than it ever was before, and therefore I hope the views of all will thereby be met. We are very glad indeed to be able to bring before you a good report, and when you have had an opportunity of asking your questions, that you may like on the subject I will proceed to answer as far as I am able. I have no business to say, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Ray—Mr. Chairman, I have much pleasure in seconding the motion, and I think the Directors may be very sincerely congratulated on the excellent result to which they have arrived. I myself know the ground they have had, from my experience during my connection with the Farm. The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Mr. Cox moved that Capt. Burnie and Dr. Noble be re-elected Directors.

Mr. Adamson seconded.

Capt. Tiltott moved that Mr. Bird's appointment as Director be confirmed.

Mr. Ray seconded.

Agreed.

Capt. Burnie moved that Capt. Tiltott be requested to accept a seat on the Board of Directors.

Mr. Adamson seconded.

The Chairman—I have very much pleasure in saying that the Directors recommend that appointment to the shareholders, and I am very glad if those in favour of the same will hold up their hands.

Agreed.

Capt. Tiltott—Gentlemen, I beg to thank you for the honour you have done me, and I shall endeavour to assist the Board to the best of my power and ability. Mr. Darby moved the election of Mr. Henderson as auditor.

Mr. G. H. Potts seconded.

Agreed.

The Chairman—I hope Mr. Henderson will be able to accept the appointment. I am by an advertisement that he is making some changes in the arrangements, but I hope he will be still available for this service. I think, gentlemen, that all we have to do is to thank you for the honour you have done me, and I shall endeavour to assist the Board to the best of my power and ability. Mr. Darby moved the election of Mr. Henderson as auditor.

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Mr. Ray moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Carried.

This concluded the proceedings.

## LOSS OF A JAPANESE CRUISER.

**THIRTY LIVES LOST.**  
(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent.)  
Shanghai, Friday, Dec. 27, 4.7 p.m.

The Japanese cruiser *Kokoi*, known as the *Kiangning* before she was captured from the Chinese, has been lost off Kureshima Island.

The cruiser was returning from the Pescadore to Japan when lost.

Thirty of the crew were drowned. The Captain and one hundred and thirty men were saved.

## THE RUSSIANS AT KYAUCHAO.

The Russian gunboat *Olegini* (Captain Rodionoff) is now anchored at Kyauchoa Bay.

## RUSSIAN TROOPS REPORTED ON CHINESE TERRITORY.

It is reported from the North that Russian troops have crossed the river Ussuri, and that they are to winter on Chinese territory.

## REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']  
LONDON, December 26th, 1895.

## TURKEY IN ASIA.

A Turkish official despatch states that a great battle was fought on Saturday between Turkish troops and the Druses, in which the latter lost 12,000 and the former 100.

The Times, commenting on the agitation in England in favour of the Armenians, urges the impossibility of Great Britain acting alone.

This official Turkish despatch recalls to mind some of a similar nature which came from Chinese officials during the Chinese-Japan war. Twelve thousand Druses to one hundred Turks, if correct, means an astonishing massacre; and as we know the Druses are a brave and indomitable people, we decline to believe the figures. The Druses (who number over one hundred thousand) divide the possession of the Lebanon district with the Maronites, and for nearly half a century the Druses and the Maronites have maintained a constant but an intestine feud. Various attempts have been made by the European Powers to keep the peace between these tribes. What part these tribes have taken in the recent upheaval does not seem to be clear. The myth of a Christian Governor other than must have been a brave and indomitable people, we decline to believe the figures. 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